

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 18, lines 26 through 30 with the following amended paragraph:

~~As can be ascertained in the Figure, it turned~~ It turned out that the polyclonal anti-Mcm3 rabbit antibody revealed, besides the expected prominent main protein band with an apparent molecular weight of 105 kDa, further proteins in the molecular weight range between 50 kDa and 90 kDa.

Please add the following new paragraph at page 18, line 36:

Thus, it is clearly demonstrated by Western Blot analysis that the antibody according to the present invention recognises only one band while the polyclonal antibody detects further bands in the range of 90 to 50 kDa.

Please delete the paragraph at page 3, line 25; which starts with "Short description of the figures".

Please delete the paragraph at page 3, line 27 through 34; which starts with "The Figure shows a Western Blot using a monoclonal antibody ...".